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<u>RESPONSE</u>

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Sir:

The following remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application, in response to the Office Action dated November 30, 2005.

As to the rejection of claims 1, 2, 5 and 8 under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Akiyama (Pub. No. US 2005/0073627 A1); the rejection of claims 3, 4, 9 - 11 and 13 under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Aikyama (Pub. No. US 2005/0073627 A1) in view of Kohara et al (Kohara, USPN 6,633,722 B1); the rejection of claims 6 and 12 under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Akiyama (Pub. No. US 2005/0073627 A1) in view of Katahira (Pub. No. US 2003/0063456 A1); and the rejection of claims 7 and 14 under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Akiyama (Pub. No. US 2005/0073627 A1) in view of Kohara et al (Kohara, USPN 6,633,722 B1) and further in view of Katahira (Pub. No. US